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Senator Sachs Meets with Israeli Consul



Last week, Senator Sachs attended a gala dinner honoring Israeli Consul General to Florida and Puerto Rico, Mr. Ofer Bavly. The Senator presented Mr. Bavly with a proclamation for his distinguished service. **"Mr. Bavly is a tremendous asset to the Israeli people,"** said Senator Sachs. **"His leadership is a prime example of the strong partnership between the Sunshine State and Israel."** Mr. Bavly assisted Senator Sachs in her trade mission to Israel in October of 2010.

Senator Sachs Gives Legislative Update to Constituents

Senator Sachs addressed over 100 constituents at the South County Civic Center on matters coming to the legislature in the upcoming session. The Senator also spoke about the importance of civic engagement in a time of great disconnect between business as usual in Tallahassee and the needs of the constituents in her district. **"You are the ones that are going to put our state back on track,"** said Senator Sachs. **"I know that each and every one of you will put the pressure on us in Tallahassee to make the right decisions for the future of this state."**



Sen. Sachs addressing a packed room at the South County Civic Center.



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Senator Sachs Attends Broken Sound Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Senator Sachs addressed a group of over 200 people gathered for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Broken Sound Country Club's new card room. **"I would like to congratulate President Ivan Snyder of the Broken Sound Country Club for this wonderful expansion,"** said Senator Sachs. **"This new card room is LEED certified and demonstrates the community's commitment to sustainable development."**



(From L to R) Boca Raton Councilman Michael Mullaugh, Senator Maria Sachs, and Mr. Matt Anderson.

Governor Signs Bills into Law, Effective Now

Governor Rick Scott has officially taken action on all bills passed by the legislature during the last legislative session. Below are bills of particular interest:

- Condos/Home Owners Associations – The bill grants additional authority to associations for recovery of unpaid assessments of foreclosed properties
- Pill Mills – The bill bans clinics from frivolously distributing pain medication.
- Silver Alert Legislation – The bill assists local law enforcement in the rescue of missing elderly people with cognitive impairments.
- Merit Pay for Teachers – The bill creates a merit pay system for teachers.
- 3% Contribution to Florida Retirement System – The bill requires all state employees to contribute 3% of their income to the Florida Retirement System.

**To view a full list of bills that the governor has signed, visit: www.flgov.com/bill-action/.*

Senator Sachs Welcomes Policy Attorney to Team



Senator Sachs welcomes attorney Dana Gizzi as her new Legislative Assistant. Dana is a graduate of Florida State University College of Law, where she served as the vice-president of the award-winning moot court team. Prior to obtaining her law degree, Dana graduated *cum laude* from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a minor in Mass Communications. Dana's employment with the Florida Senate began in 2008 as a legal intern for the Senate Judiciary Committee. After becoming a member of the Florida Bar, she served as a Legislative Analyst for the Senate Committee on Community Affairs. Dana was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey and was raised in South Florida.

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